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For example, independent claim 15 of Group I and independent claim 91 of Group II, although patentably distinct, share similar claim elements, including a first web interface displaying wirelessly received operational characteristics of a single vehicle selected from among a set of vehicles, and a second web interface displaying wirelessly received operational characteristics of multiple vehicles among said set of vehicles, wherein said multiple vehicles are associated with a single entity. Therefore, applicants assert that the inventions of Groups I and II are related, sharing similar modes of operation, functions and effects, and submit that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. §803, which states that “if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits” (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should be applied in the present application, and request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. Please apply any necessary charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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